



The Kentucky Historical Society recently launched the 2021 National History Day in Kentucky (NHDKy) contest season with a regional contest for students in the Morehead region. The contest drew 17 students from 7 schools and engaged the talents of 9 volunteer judges.

National History Day in Kentucky is like a traditional science fair, but with projects related to an annual history theme. The 2021 theme was “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.” Students work individually or within small groups to develop a project in the format of their choice: exhibits, documentaries, websites, performances, or papers. Volunteer judges, recruited from museums, universities, teachers, and the local community, evaluate the projects for qualities such as historical accuracy, sources used, multiple perspectives analyzed, and relevance to the annual theme. The top 1/3 of projects in each category advances to the NHDKy State Contest.

Winners were announced at a virtual ceremony on March 31. The following students qualified for the opportunity to compete at the National History Day in Kentucky State Contest which will be held virtually in late April.

The NHDKy team at the Kentucky Historical Society would like to send our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in the program during these challenging times. Thank you for helping make the NHDKy program possible for students in 2021!

To find out more or to become involved in this program visit: [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org) or <https://history.ky.gov/for-educators/national-history-day/>.

#### **Junior Individual Documentary**

- Connor Morgan-Peterson, *Rock N’ Rollercoaster: A Headbanger’s Journey*, Dayton High School
- Foster Banks, *The Code of All Codes*, Battle of Richmond Association

#### **Junior Individual Exhibit**

- Kaitlyn Nelson, *The Navajo Code Talkers*, Rowan County Middle School

**Junior Group Exhibit**

- Elizabeth Bailey, Addison Bowman and Ava Carver, *Ida B. Wells*, Rowan County Middle School
- Emily Dewberry and Carolta Garibay Romero, *Evolution of Dance*, St. Francis School

**Junior Group Performance**

- Ava Blackledge, Caroline Carlisle, Mia Carver, and Alexandria Lytle, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg Performance Group*, Rowan County Middle School
- Marli Hacker and Kaelyn Miracle, *Communicating Through Books: How the Pack-Horse Librarians Brought the World to Appalachia*, Page School Center

**Junior Individual Website**

- Olivia Stone, *Pony Express*, Rowan County Middle School

**Senior Individual Performance**

- Ty Buck, *Communication and the Cold War: How Possible Nuclear War was De-escalated*, Sayre School

**Senior Individual Website**

- Julianna Clayton, *International Auxiliary Language: Neutral and Inclusive Language*, Larry A. Ryle High School